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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 16TH, 1909.

EXECUTIONS are not frequent in Hongkong,
but whenever the capital punishment is
carried out in the Colony the wisdom of
exacting the death penalty for murder, if
not much discussed, is usually questioned
in some slight degree, perhaps for no
other reason than to seek justification for
the act which deprives a fellow creature
of his life. Few people, despite their
abhorrence of the crime which entails the
death sentence, can withhold their sympathy
for the wretch who has been condemned to
end his life on the scaffold. It may be that
their pity is extended because the culprit by
his brutality has sunk so low in the
human scale, or it may be that their feelings
are stirred simply by pondering over the
mental agonies which the condemned man
must endure before he goes to his doom.
At any rate, the murderer in his cell is not
so secluded as first thoughts suggest. The
fact that he has to be executed attracts
public attention and public thought to
himself, and it is safe to say that if there
be any condoning or exculpatory features,
these will not be overlooked by a com-
munity which, though it sanctions capital
punishment, cherishes a lively sentiment
as to the sanctity of human life.
Yesterday a Chinese, who had been found
guilty by a British jury of complicity in
the double murder of two Indian Police in
the New Territory in August last, met his
death at the hands of the public executioner.
While the justice and wisdom of the law
which exacts "a life for a life" is admitted,
it has also to be confessed that there areoccasions when the law operates rather
harshly, and the present case is one which
falls within that category. This man did
not strike any of the blows which deprived
the two policemen of their lives. The
evidence against him was that he was asso-
ciated with the men who set out presum-
ably with a fixed intention to murder the
Indians, and it was presumed that he was
moved with the same motives which
actuated the principals, though he himself
in the witness-box denied that he had any
knowledge of their intention to commit a
murder. His own evidence was that he
came upon five men sitting at a gap, and
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then seen approaching the gap and the five
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executed said he was requested to remain
where he was and to call out if he saw anyone
approaching. The men returned to the spot
after an absence of twenty minutes carrying
money, and he told the Court that he asked
them where they obtained this money, and
they told him they had struggled with the
policemen and taken it from them. For
remaining at the pass ready to give a warning
if anyone approached he was ultimately
rewarded with the sum of twelve dol-
lars to "keep quiet." It seems incredible
that he would have been content to risk his
life for the paltry sum of twelve dollars, yet
the jury believed that he did. The man's
story was straightforward. He related what
he had been asked to do. He candidly ad-
mitted that he had accompanied the
men, when they met him, but, as
we have said, he denied that he knew that
their object involved murder. There was
no evidence that he was one of the men who
planned the outrage, and there was none
that the principals divulged their scheme
to him. Therefore, it is not making a
large demand on our credulity to believe that
the man who yesterday died on the scaffold
would hardly have been content to risk his
life for the prospect of gaining twelve
dollars. He may have been very poor, and
certainly he was very ignorant, but in view
of his extreme candour and simplicity it
is not difficult to believe that he was telling
the truth. While we recognise that punishing
murder with the extreme penalty is the
best deterrent possible and prevents the
commission of many a murder, we may be
allowed to express our surprise that the
mitigating circumstances in this man's case
were not used as the foundation for a
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at the pass, and therefore his condemnation
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tainly one which goes some way to support
the argument that capital punishment
being irrevocable should not be resorted
to in every case where a man is
deemed to be accessory to a murder, but
further than that we are not prepared to go
with those who oppose capital punishment
altogether, as we believe that generally
capital punishment need not be regarded
as vindictive but preventive.H. E. Wu Ting-fang was due in Peking yes-
terday.A census of the population of Macao and its
dependencies will be taken at midnight on
February 9th. The last census was taken in
1906.The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking
Corporation to-day open a sub-agency at Hong-
kong, No. 9, Broadway, Shanghai. Mr. E. E.
Deson will be in charge.H. E. the Governor will open the new wing of
St. Stephen's College on Monday next, and on
Wednesday His Excellency presides at the
distribution of prizes at St. Joseph's English
College.Certain charges have been made before the
British Consul, at Batavia, against the captain
and one other officer of the fine ship *King
George*, recently reported as wrecked off Java,
and a court of enquiry is to be held in Singapore
into the disaster.An officer of the U.S.S. *Pennsylvania*, named
Frank Garvey, died on the cruiser. Deceased
was 45 years of age, and a native of Con-
necticut, was buried yesterday afternoon at
Happy Valley. The cruiser's band played
funeral marches and all warships in harbour
had their flags half-masted.The Minstrel Troupe of U.S.S. *West
Virginia* announced minstrel performances at
the Theatre on the 22nd and 23rd inst. H. E.
the Governor has kindly promised his patronage,
and the proceeds of the entertainments will be
in aid of the Chinese Y. M. C. A. Further
particulars will be found in our advertising
columns.Inspector McMurtry and a party of police
who went to arrest a number of Chinese
gamblers on the hillsides at Lyemun had an
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upon a labouring class.It having been stated that the new American
Minister to Peking, Mr. W. J. Calhoun, is a
widower, the *Shanghai Times* states that this
is incorrect. Mr. Calhoun was married a second
time three or four years ago to Miss Lucy
Munro, formerly well-known in Chicago as a
magazine writer. Mrs. Calhoun's sister, Miss
Harriet Munro, wrote the *Commemoration
Ode* at the opening of the World's Fair in
Chicago in 1893.Mr. Fred J. Halton has been appointed
Agent of the Pacific Mail Steamship Co. at
Hongkong, vice Mr. S. Silverstone, who resigns
at the end of the present year. Mr. Halton
has been the chief assistant in the office for
the past three years and acted as agent during
the absence of Mr. Silverstone at home on
leave last year. Mr. Halton has just returned
from six months leave, and his many friends in
the Colony will be pleased to hear of his
promotion.The *Straits Times* of the 6th inst. contains
the following:—Singapore experienced some
of the coldest weather known for several years,
beginning on Saturday afternoon and continuing
through yesterday. Many old residents
say that they have never experienced such chilly
times here; while others compare it with January,
1897, when several days of unceasing tor-
rential rains brought the temperature to an
unusually low point. The cool weather of
yesterday appears to have been caused by a
northerly wind, which blew steadily for over
twenty-four hours.Chief Excise Officer Hoggarth and a party
made a good capture in Conduit Road on Tues-
day. They secreted themselves on the slope
of the hill and succeeded in arresting two men
as they were depositing opium in their cache
on the hillside. Not only had the two men a
quantity of opium in their possession, but one
was found with a printing die which was
intended to apply a false trade description to
the opium in their possession, purporting that
it came from the Opium Farmer. The first
detention was at the Magistracy yesterday fined
\$26, ten times the value of the opium in his
possession, and the second was fined \$33, ten
times the value of the opium which he had
when arrested. The charges of applying a false
trade description was remanded.A party of police from Victoria had rather a
long excursion on Tuesday when they embarked
on a launch for Tai O, which they reached when
the shades of night had fallen. Then they
made their way, escorted by the local police, to a
certain house, where it was found that gambling
was proceeding and that quite a large number
of people were participating. However, the
advent of the police created the usual scare,
and by far the larger number of those present
made good their escape. Fifteen men fell into
the hands of the police, but what was their
surprise to find that the keeper of the gambling
house was a Chinese detective! When the case
was brought on before Mr. E. R. Halifax at
the Magistracy yesterday the detective was
defended by Mr. Otto Kong Sing, and the
hearing was adjourned.Evidence was tendered to the effect that the
plaintiff could not identify the defendant, to
whom he was alleged to have lent the money.
Defendant denied having signed a promissory
note, but admitted having signed a tender for
the making of certain machinery.

The hearing was adjourned.

TRADE WITH YUNNAN.

The total value of the trade of Tengyueh
for the year 1908-9 amounted to \$1,765,266
taels, an increase of \$3,556 taels on the
figure for the preceding year. The prospects
for 1909 are not over promising. The
highly commendable measures adopted by
His Excellency Hui Liang, Viceroy of Yunnan
and Kwieichow, in pursuance of the aims of
the anti-opium edict and embodied in his pro-
clamation dated 21st July, 1908, must in all
probability have an adverse effect on the
trade of Baoguo in the immediate future.
The terms of the proclamation are reported
to have been strictly enforced in all the principal
opium-producing centres as regards the 1909
crop. It is estimated that six-tenths of the
arable land in Yunnan has of late years been
under opium cultivation, whilst the profits,
only on an average crop, are estimated to have
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ST. ANDREW'S DINNER STORIES.

The *Asian* publishes two stories concerning
St. Andrew's Day which have been sent to it.
They read as follows:The scene is the same one—the wee sma'
hours after the feast the time. The piper is
wending his way home, his pipes under one arm
and a bottle of Athol Brose under the other; on
route he is run over by a motor-car and appears
only killed; he is removed to the house of the
good Samaritan, and, though the poor man's
ribs are sorely bruised and bent, and his nose is
broken, his spirit is far from crushed, for as
soon as he comes to, he roars out: "Wheesha ma
whuskie?"The other story is from an up-country station
in India, where the committee of the St.
Andrew's dinner had made all necessary
arrangements for the solitary piper that
they had managed to secure. He was housed
in the Dak bungalow, and told to sign for all that
he wanted in the way of meat and drink. He was
there four days and the bill came in at the end—

As. Ps.

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To 12 dozen Whisky 54 0 0

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TELEGRAMS.

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DAILY PRESS."

KING LEOPOLD.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.

LONDON, December 15th.
The surgical operation performed
on King Leopold of Belgium was
successfully accomplished. No tumor
was found, only a simple obstruction.IRISH SUPPORT FOR THE
LIBERALS.

LONDON, December 15th.

The Director of the Irish National
League has decided to support the
Liberals in the elections. Mr.
Asquith's Home Rule declaration
being considered satisfactory.

TRADE MARKS IN KOREA.

LONDON, December 15th.
It is announced in Berlin that anAnglo-German Convention has been
concluded for the protection of trade
marks in Korea, the Consuls being
empowered to prosecute their own
nationals for the unauthorised use of
trade marks.

RUS.-O.-JAPANESE RELATIONS.

OFFICIAL DENIAL THAT WAR IS
INEVITABLE.LONDON, December 15th.
An official statement published at
St. Petersburg denies the rumours
circulated in the Press that another
war with Japan is inevitable.The statement declares that the
relations of the two countries are of
the friendliest character, and says this
is corroborated by recent agreements.

SUPREME COURT.

Wednesday, December 15th.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
BEFORE HIS HONOUR MR. H. H. J.
GOMPERTZ (PUNISHE JUDGE).

CLAIM ON A PROMISSORY NOTE.

Action was brought by Gazdar against Li
Kow to recover \$1,000 on a promissory note
signed by the defendant and Chan Dat Cho.Mr. F. X. d'Almada e Castro (of Messrs.
Almada and Smith) appeared for the plaintiff,
and Mr. M. Reader Harris (of Messrs. Wilkinson
and Grist) for the defendant.Mr. Almada informed his Lordship that he
understood the defence was want of consideration.Evidence was tendered to the effect that the
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LOCAL SPORT.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

Despite the many counter attractions on Saturday afternoon our popular winter pastime had a large following. No fewer than three competitions were on the go, the two divisions of the H.K. League and the Navy League. Several good games were witnessed, but the results were all as might have been anticipated.

That the Sappers should have been so badly beaten by the Yards was hardly in keeping with the game, as although the home team was superior in every department to their opponents, only the absence of a player in the visiting team could account for the opportunities afforded Wilks and Sullivan.

The Sappers had only two of their regular players in their team, and judging by the display of several of those who wore out for the first time I should not be surprised if the combination is further strengthened by the inclusion of more new blood.

Naval Yard with their reconstructed forward line are now good enough for any team they are likely to be up against, and Sullivan, with his tricky footwork, continues to take the eye, at the same time adding to his splendid goal total.

After their sensational opening on Saturday against Kowloon the Gunners took a long time to again find the net, and then only after the visitors had had several good tries at equalising. The ground was too hard for the play of the home team to be fully effective, the long passes very often travelling over the touch-line as the result of the lively ball.

Kowloon do not seem to have suffered much by dropping several of the players who started the season with them, and if the present combination can be kept together they ought to do well in the forthcoming cup competitions. I hope that in the interests of the game there is nothing in the rumour that an amalgamation is likely to take place between Kowloon and the Club. In any case, I fail to see that either team would benefit, as after carefully comparing the two teams, man for man in their positions, with the exception of Brown and Foulkes, the Club would not be strengthened by any of the Kowloon team.

Form in football is quantity which can rarely be relied on. When the results of the second division reached me on Saturday I tried to compare the values of the various teams on previous results, and found that on paper the Moslems, having drawn with Lusitano, who had twice drawn with B.O.C., should have been good enough for 83 Coy., as B.O.C. defeated 83 Coy. at Lyemun by one goal to nil. But the argument finished there, because the Moslem team were defeated by eight goals to nil, and never at any part of the game did they show to advantage.

88 Coy., 83 Coy., and B Coy. are running a neck and neck race for League honours, but although the season is only half through I have no hesitation in predicting that the Victoria Barracks Coy. will come out on top.

The teams from the ships are shaping well in their League matches. King Alfred have so far won every match played since they arrived in the Colony, but the margin has in each case been so small that it would seem as if all the naval teams were pretty much on a par. This being so, it will be interesting to note their display in any matches they may play against the H.K. League teams as having a bearing on their chances in the forthcoming Shield competition.

The match between the Buffs and the R.G.A. on Saturday is likely to be an evenly-contested one. The present state of the ground is very much in favour of the Buffs, as they play a much closer game than the Gunners, and should the present spell of dry weather continue I expect to see the Buffs come out on top.

LEADING GOAL SCORES.

Taylor, Buffs	18
Watt, R.G.A.	14
Brewster, Buffs	10
Sullivan, Naval Yard	9
Brown, Kowloon	7

Numbers in parenthesis indicate matches played.

REFEREE

CRICKET NOTES.

League cricket has now settled down to normal conditions and the weather has been ideal. It is a pity one cannot make the same remark about the pitches, or, rather, the pitches elsewhere than on the Club ground.

Saturday's matches were productive of some interesting cricket. On the Club ground, the Artillerymen were matched against the Hongkong "A" team, though why they style themselves "A" is difficult to conjecture. Pearce, Turner, Hancock and Claxton could hardly be called an "A" team combination. Last year the Club entered two teams—A and B—and having their forces split up, they were more or less on an equal footing with the other Clubs, who cannot offer the same inducement to wielders of the willow as the premier club. Under last year's conditions the League competition provided a higher class of cricket than previously, and nobody begrimed "B" team their winning the Shield.

Previous to last year only a certain number of "first class cricketers" were allowed to play with the "A" team, and in consequence they were unable to get anything like a team to be depended on. Now they go to the other extreme, and the "A" team is practically a representative Hongkong Club team. It is to be regretted that the Club did not enter two teams, for this reason, that if they want to win the Shield there

is no team in the Colony who would stand a possible chance of beating them, and thus no credit would accrue to their retaining it for an indefinite period. As it stands now, it would appear that if they are keen on winning a particular match, they put in a strong team; if, on the other hand, they are indifferent, they put in a team not quite so strong.

The Artillery compiled the tidy score of 104 for 9 wickets. Major Logan, Capt. Garnett and Gunner Fuller each topping 20. Leslie and Pearce were the successful trundlers, the former's analysis reading 5 wickets for 35 runs a very creditable performance. For the Club the partnership of Pearce and Claxton provided sufficient runs to win the match. For the R.G.A. Capt. Garnett and Bdr. Winkworth, a new addition to their side, shared the bowling honours. The former secured five wickets and the latter three.

Craigengower played the Civil Service on the former's ground. The main feature of the match was the remarkably low scores and in consequence the success of the trundlers. The home team went to the wickets, and, facing the bowling of Battilaw and Pestonji, scored 54. Five "ducks" were registered. Battilaw, however, under-arm leg breaks and has been responsible for a number of surprises this season. There really appears to be nothing in his deliveries, but the fact remains that he gets wickets.

Craigengower appeared to have the game in hand, but Brett and Hutchison for the Civils were responsible for a similar rot in their batting side. There is no doubt the small scores are attributable to the wretched state of the pitch, and the old question crops up as to whether it would not be advisable for the League teams to play their matches on matting. It would do away with the necessity of keeping expensive stumps for coining or trying to coax turf to grow, and it would make the scoring much higher and cricket more interesting to match, from a spectator's standpoint.

The Telegraphs and Kowloon met on the Craigengower Ground, the match resulting in a win for the Telegraphs. Kowloon were first at the wickets, and were all disposed of for 64—due mainly to the bowling of Oliver, who secured 6 wickets for 23 runs. Wesser (10) was the only Kowloonite to reach double figures—four nines being registered. Telegraphs scored the necessary runs with the loss of two wickets.

UMPIRE.

LEAGUE TABLE.

Club	Played	Won	Lost	Drew	Per cent.
Telegraphs	12	2	0	0	2
Buff's	3	2	0	1	66.6
Civil Service	5	3	1	1	50.0
Royal Engineers	6	4	2	0	33.3
H.K.C.C.	3	2	1	0	1
R. G. Artillery	4	2	2	0	50.0
Kowloon	5	1	4	0	3
Craigengower	4	1	3	0	3
Hongkong Police	4	0	4	0	75
					-100.0

FOOTBALL.

H.M.S. "VIRAGO" v. H.M.S. "BRITONIARD." These teams met in a Small Ships' League match yesterday afternoon. The Britonard team won by five goals to one, goal scorers being Bryant three and Leach two for the winners, and West one for the losers.

H.K.F.C. v. R.E.

Scratch Xis, from these clubs met in a friendly match yesterday evening, when the Sappers won with the odd goal of three to their credit. Brown scored twice for the winners and Barlow for the Club.

HOCKEY.

88 Coy. and 83 Coy. played a match on Happy Valley yesterday, the game resulting in a win for the latter by five goals to four.

CRICKET TRIANGULAR LEAGUE.

The first match in the triangular league contest between the Fleet, Hongkong Cricket Club and the Garrison takes' place on the Cricket Ground to-day, when the Garrison will play the Fleet, the match to commence at 12.30. The meeting is particularly interesting, as it will probably be an indication of the success of the new league contests, which, it is to be hoped, will provide some excellent cricket for the remainder of the season. The Garrison team is: Captains Baird, Beasley, Gurnett, Clapham, Crawford, Lieuts. Green, Gurnett, Hitchcock, Liepmann, and Staff-Sergeant Power. The Navy team—Rev. Maundrell, Commander Lewis, Lieuts. Noble, Mullenax, Tovey, Forsyth, Haddon, Moore, Assistant Paymaster Oliver, Corporal Brant and A. N. Other. The officers of the Navy will be "At Home" during the afternoon and the flagship's band will play selections of music.

AMATEUR ATHLETIC MEETING.

The second meeting of the Amateur Athletic Association, which was to have taken place on Saturday next has been postponed until April 2nd. Difficulty as to securing the Kowloon Cricket Ground, and the indifferent entry, were the two reasons for the postponement.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.N. Co.'s str. *Tean* left Manila on the 14th instant, and may be expected here on the 17th instant.

The C.N. Co.'s str. *Luzon* leaves Shanghai on the 16th inst., and may be expected here on the 19th instant.

The C.N. Co.'s str. *Kaifeng* left Iloilo on the 14th instant, and may be expected here on the 19th instant.

The C.N. Co.'s str. *Siyuan* left Haiphong on the 14th inst., and may be expected here on the 20th instant.

The Danish str. *Sives* left Sabang on the 13th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 23rd inst.

THE INTERPORT SHOOTING

TROPHY.

PRESENTATION BY THE GOVERNOR.

At the S.V.A. Drill Hall on Saturday, the 4th, His Excellency the Governor of the Straits Settlements handed over to Capt. Elliot, captain of the Singapore Team which won the match this year, the hand-made trophy which is held for the year by whichever of the ports of Shanghai, Singapore, Hongkong and Penang wins the Interport Shooting Match. Sir John Anderson was supported by H. E. Major-General Ferrett, Colonel Nelson, R.G.A., and the Bishop of Singapore, and the chair was taken by Major Ellis, most of the Volunteer Officers being present, many Volunteers and civilians, and a large corps of artists suitable for a military smoker.

In the middle of the first half of the programme, Sir John Anderson presented the trophy, which was brilliantly conspicuous in front of the platform, to Capt. Elliot, on the request of Major Ellis, who said the trophy had been in possession of the Governor for the last twelve months, it would remain with him for another twelve months, and he hoped they would be honoured by a similar ceremony to this next year by scoring another win. (Hear, hear.)

The Governor said he had the trophy at Government House during the year, and he was proud and glad that the Singapore Team had made it possible to keep it another year. (Applause.) And the more so as it was won with a record score—(hear, hear)—a score which was so far ahead that it was almost a case of Shropshire first and the rest nowhere. One disadvantage of making such a score was that it was difficult to live up to the reputation it established, but no doubt future teams would rise to the occasion and make it possible for him to repeat the pleasant duty of handing over the trophy on another record score. They had recently lost Capt. Coldbeck, himself a very keen shot, but he was sure in Capt. Ewart they had a staff officer who would do his utmost to keep up the standard of shooting. They had also lost one who had been long associated with the Corps, Colonel Murray, who carried away with him the very best wishes of every Volunteer. (Hear, hear.) On the other hand, they were to be congratulated on a new recruit, the Bishop. (Applause.) He was not only a very good bishop but an excellent volunteer officer and shot. (Hear, hear.) On the second morning after his arrival in Singapore, he believed, he went down to the range and actually made 99 out of 100 possible. (Applause.) If the Governor were captain of the team, he would certainly make an effort to enrol the Bishop in the next team. (Laughter.) Singapore had won the scratch six times out of twenty competitions, and he thought that was very satisfactory, and if they added another win next year, seven out of twenty-one, it would be still more satisfactory.

He hoped the old members of the team would shoot as well as ever, and that they would find new shots. There was a considerable volunteer force here, and among them some first class shots. He understood from the General, who advised him in such matters, that he was satisfied with the numbers, but he would like them to turn out often. Volunteering, like everything else, was worth while doing well, and every Volunteer worthy of the name desired to his duty well and prove himself in every respect efficient. It had always been regarded as a characteristic of our nation that man did not require to be driven to their duty. Any man who signed on as a Volunteer was expected to make himself an efficient Volunteer, and not merely turn out to a birthday parade, but also go to the range and qualify as a skilled marksman. (Hear, hear.)

Captain Elliot said he was proud to receive the hands of His Excellency one of the most cherished trophies of Singapore, and to ask him to take the custody of it again at Government House. (Hear, hear.) The Elcho Shield is handed to the Lord Mayor of London for custody, and he thought it a happy plan for this trophy to be handed to the Governor to keep it in Government House, rather than in the cellar of some bank. The trophy was subscribed for by the four Ports who are in the competition. He personally had shot in the team since 1901, and he must confess that ever since he had shot, he had had his eye on that record score made, he thought in 1895 (Hongkong made 95 in 1899). It was a big score, and to beat it not only wanted good shots, but some luck as well. He rejoiced to say that neither Hongkong nor Shanghai had yet seen the Elcho Shield, and he did not intend to let it see it for a long time if he could help it. (Laughter.) As he wrote to the Bishop some time ago, he hoped to see the trophy won again with the name of the Bishop of Singapore at the top of the list. (Hear, hear.) From his first shot, when he only missed the hundred in his last shot, he thought there was promise of that hope being realized. And his lordship could certainly give advice to them as to how to hold a rifle and shoot straight. One point he would like to mention. They were going to have a Strait Team at Bisley this year. (Hear, hear.) There were a number of shots hoping to spend a holiday in the old country, and with the assistance of Singapores they hoped to get home a few more and put in a team to represent the Colony. They did not expect, of course, to win the Kolaopore Cup, but he hoped to get up a team that would give a good account of itself. It would be a good thing for Singapore, and for the Singapore Volunteers, as it would be the first time that one Corps had entered a team. It was partly a question of expense in completing the team, and he hoped when they could, people would help all that they could. (Hear, hear.)

Captain Elliot being called on for a speech, said he was glad to have the opportunity of making the acquaintance of the Volunteers. He himself had been out for 22 or 23 years, efficient every year but two. (Hear, hear.) The question had been raised of sending a team to Bisley, of which he had had some experience. He hoped they would be able to send a team, but he had one piece of advice to give them, and that was to practice in a high wind. Their range, he was told, was generally calm in the mornings, when most of their matches were fired. But at Bisley there were some very nasty winds indeed, and the principal events were shot in the middle of the day, so that he would advise them to practice as much as they could in the wind. He doubted whether he would have much time for shooting, and probably would have to content himself with the post of Chaplain General to the Corps. But at any rate he would take an interest in the shooting, and hoped they would win on many future occasions. (Applause.)

THE MARRIAGE OF MR. H. C. BRODIE AND MISS HART.

The marriage of Mr. Harry C. Brodie, M.P. for the Religious Division of Surrey, and Miss Mabel Milburn Hart, daughter of Sir Robert and Lady Hart of 28, Cadogan Place, took place at St. Margaret's, Westminster. The service was conducted by the Bishop of Hereford, assisted by Archdeacon Daniel, Canon Henson, and the Rev. Philip Blakeway. Sir Robert Hart gave away his daughter, who wore a gown of white satin charmeuse, trimmed with old English point lace. Her train was carried by Master Jack and Miss Gill Lucas-Sundstrom. There were seven bridesmaids—the Misses Vera and Hilda do Vere Bawclerk, the Misses Mildred and Gladys Brodie, Miss Cunningham, Miss Lucas-Tooth, and Miss Durham—who wore blue charmeuse and black velvet hats, the design of the dresses being copied from a picture by Romney. Major Churton was best man.

Among those present were the Japanese Ambassador and Miss Kato, the Belgian Minister and Countess de Lalange, the Norwegian Minister, the Argentine Minister and Miss Dominguez, the Peruvian Chargé d'Affaires, Mrs. Colman, M. and Mme. Goss (Dutch Legation), Jonckheer A. van der Goot (Netherlands Legation), Mr. and Mrs. Yamaza (Japanese Embassy), Mr. Barnes, M.P., Lord Rolfe, Lady Abinger, Lord and Lady Farre, the Dowager Lady Blore and Miss Blois.

Brigadier-General and the Hon. Mrs. Revely, M.P., and the Hon. Mrs. Clarendon, Lady Kathleen Gausen and Miss Gausen, Lady Ellison, Sir Francis and Lady Palmer, Sir Ralph Knox, Lady Fanshaw, Lady Duke, Sir Hugh Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. Lough Roche, Lady and Miss Ashmead-Bartlett, Lady Ellerborough, Mr. Steavens, M.P., Mr. Henry Heaton, M.P., Mr. and Miss Henneke Heaton, Sir Wyndham and Lady Murray, Lady De Ratton, Mrs. Christie Miller, Mr. W. Pearce, M.P., Mrs. Robert Jardine, Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge, Mr. and Mrs. Mc Cormick, Goodhart, Mr. and the Hon. Mr. R. Fuller Maitland, Admiral Stewart, Lady Pontifex, Captain Cecil Norton, M.P., and Mr. and the Hon. Mrs. Robert Doner.

After the reception, held at Claridge's Hotel, Mr. and Mrs. Brodie left for the Continent.

The following description of the gowns was given in one of the London papers just before the wedding:

The wedding gown is very graceful and attractive. Fashioned of ideally soft charmeuse in a creamy magnolia tint, the material falls in sculptured folds over the under-dress, being brought from the left shoulder to the hem in a bias direction; a cascade of priceless old English point lace (the gift of the bridegroom's mother) rippling down it, and following the line of the folds. This caught at the waist with a spray of white heather as a porte bouche, while a clump of the same lacy flower, together with a few sprigs of orange blossom, is imprisoned in the meshes of lace at the foot.

The corsage, which gives place to a vest of finely tucked tulles illusion, is of the same priceless point lace, a light drapery of the dentelle falling over the long ruffled sleeves, while bretelles of exquisite pearl and silver applique pass over the shoulders and a true lover's knot of pearls and diamonds appears in front, and glimmers on the skirt among the waxen petals of the orange flower. The long train of the same magnolia tinted charmeuse as that which composes the gown falls from the shoulders in rince folds, while she wears a veil of tulle, a wreath of orange blossom, and carries a prayer book in lieu of a bouquet.

Eight bridesmaids follow in the rear of the bride, and for these the most charming of gowns have been chosen. The bride has shown her predilection for a picture scheme, and her selection has fallen upon dainty Romney frocks of pale turquoise blue satin of the simplest description. Round the corsages are folded soft snow-white chiffon fichus, while the vests are of white Mechlin lace, and large black picture hats complete a charming ensemble.

For her going-away toilette her choice has fallen upon a little trotter gown of Nattier lace faced with a brocade of dull emblazonery, while the same brocade is repeated in the tiny vest, which is set off by a yoke and a band of fine Mechlin lace. Her pretty Marquise hat is carried out in Nattier lace velvet to match the gown, and she wears in addition a long travelling coat and fur for fur, which accord admirably with the soft tint of the costume.

The gown which has been made for Captain Hart is of handsome black Duchesse satin, fashioned with the new sash drapery on the jape, which is edged with fringe. The whole of the corsage is composed of the fashionable "Sphinx" trelliswork and embroidery, while the small yoke and collar are designed in Brussels dentelle, which gives a note of relief to the scheme.

All these gowns, as well as many others included in the trousseau, have been designed and made by Skelton et Cie, 91, King's-road, Brighton.

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T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1909. [1525]

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1909. [1526]

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1909. [5]

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1909.

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FROM NEW YORK.

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All broken, stained and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on TUESDAY, the 21st inst., at 3 p.m.

All Claims must be presented within fifteen days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 21st inst. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1909. [1524]

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Co.'s Offices, 14, Des Voeux Road, Central, First Floor, on the 29th December (WEDNESDAY), at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the Eighteen Months ending 30th June, 1909.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 22nd to the 29th December, both days inclusive.

By Order,

F. ELLIS,
General Manager.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1909. [1523]

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NOTICE.

A GRAND BAZAAR of TOYS will be held in the Premises of the CATHOLIC UNION, on SUNDAY, the 19th inst., from 4 to 8 p.m., in aid of CHRISTMAS TREAS and other Comforts for the Poor.

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Hongkong, 8th December, 1909. [1494]

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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 14th August, 1909. [108]

NOTICE

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Hongkong, 18th August, 1909. [108]

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, For Account of the CONCERNED, On SATURDAY, the 18th DECEMBER, 1909, at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, corner of Ice House Street,

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Hongkong, 14th December, 1909. [1518]

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM BOMBAY AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

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All Claims must be sent to the Office of the undersigned before NOON on the 21st inst., or they will not be recognized.

All Claims will be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 20th inst., at 9.30 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 11th November, 1909. [4]

FROM EUROPE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship.

"SCANDIA."

Captain V. Döhren, having arrived Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained against Bills of Lading countersigned by the Undersigned.

Optional Cargo will be carried on unless notice to the contrary be given before TO-DAY.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 18th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1909. [1520]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE
AND MOJI.

THE Steamship

"JAPAN."

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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Agents.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1909. [1516]

FASHIONS AND FANCIES.

THE NEWEST DRAPERY.
One of the most artistic shades of pale colour is that known in the dreammaking world as "old ivory," and it is in great request just now for winter costumes in both sable and sable, and for evening gowns brocaded or embroidered in gold. Let us take an example of both. A cloth coat and skirt, the latter very short, narrow, and untrimmed, are in old ivory colour. The coat fastens up the right side under a band of sable, and the long sleeves, slightly frilled in at the wrists, are set into sable cuffs. The stuff is made of this ivory cloth with a band of sable bordering it at either side. A flat stool of similar fur is worn round the neck and thrown over the shoulder, whence it hangs long and straight. The fur borders the coat, an old fashion revived. Some of the smartest seal coats are long, with a border of sable, sash, or Persian lamb, often very deep, just as they were worn twenty years ago.

A CORDUROY COAT.
Another costume is in corduroy of this delightful colour. Though the skirt adheres to the prevalent meagre shape, the coat is, in this instance, made to fit the figure, and is but three-quarter length. It buttons over to the left after curving away from the neck, and below the third button it curves sharply back again. The revers are faced with black satin, and there is a small collar of the same. With it is worn a black velvet hat with gold oxydized trimming round the high crown and a large plume of black and ivory feathers rising at the left side and curling over on themselves. A coat in brown corduroy is long enough to form an entire dress of Princess shape. It fastens up the left side with large fancy buttons and is caught in with a pleat or two at the back, each held down with smaller buttons caught together with cords in the colour of the cloth. This coat is finished with a little upright collar, which may presege the return of that once indispensable feature.

FOR EVENING WEAR.
A pretty frock in old ivory soft satin, the bodice of which is gold net embroidered in tones of gold and pastel green. The skirt is untriumed, and is long enough to form a short train. An ivory silk muslin has a lovely embroidery in pale-tinted silk, the design very small blossoms with birds and butterflies of minute size, but looking as though sewn with jewels. This long skirt, forming a train, is over a long skirt of gold-coloured Liberty satin, bordered with pale green satin, a colour that brings out the tints of the embroidery in very effective fashion.

THE NEWEST DRAPERY.
The extraordinary manner in which dresses are drawn in about or below the knees is a fashion unknown till now in the history of clothes. It is not only difficult to walk gracefully in one of these, but absolutely impossible to walk upstairs without lifting the whole skirt well above the knees. One of the latest developments of this queer fashion is seen in a sulphur-coloured velvet evening gown, made with a plain trained skirt, and a tunic cut in one with the bodice at the back and drawn forward over the hips in a long curving line at either side, the two meeting in front some inches below the knees, thence curving away again towards the back. Even this is less eccentric than a grey charronette which is draped with some light ribbons from the waist, and gathered into a band of trimming low at the back, half-way between knee and ankle. It used to be considered a necessary feature of a well-made gown that it should have a graceful outward flow at the back. Now this is forgotten; and extravagances of the kind described render it very difficult for a woman to look graceful, even when she happens to be so by nature. What with the very ugly huge hats that hide most of the face, the "scrumped" skirts for walking, and the curious draperies on long gowns, the present fashions have more than their fair share of ugliness.

A GRACEFUL EVENING COAT.
One of the coats that are fastened by being caught together under the arms is intended as a light wrap for a ball-room, and has a peacock's eye. Made of blue net, in the lovely shade devised by Worth of Paris, it falls long and straight from the shoulders and is beautifully embroidered in Nile lilles of a faint blue. This trimming edges the sides, and is very deep round the hem of the coat, which is finished all round with a quilling of blue crepe. It is sleeveless. A second graceful evening coat is in rose-coloured crepe-de-chine, edged all round with a narrow band of tailless ermine and lined with white chiffon. A lace hood, in a tint cleverly made to look like that of the coat, hangs at the back, finished with cream-tinted tassels and cords, the tassels in the shape of Canterbury bells and foxgloves, all worked in silk crochet.

THE ECLIPSE OF THE FOREHEAD.
Foreheads are disappearing under the new coiffure, which is pushed forward by the thick plait of hair or band of velvet or oxydized trimming which give such a Greek effect to a pretty head. That it is a mistake to cover up the forehead is beyond a doubt. Not only the sculptor and the artist could tell us this, but the student of human nature knows what a loss of intellectual expression follows upon the hiding of the forehead, especially if the jaw should incline to be heavy.

The ideal forehead is broad not high, at least not high in the sense of being free from any growth of hair. An inch and a half to two inches above the brows, varying according to the arch of these, should be the space of white brow showing. The line should not recede above the nose. The way in which the hair clusters round the temples and ears is sometimes a very great aid to good looks. But the new way of doing the hair pushes it forward almost into the eyes. For this rest, the back should be swathed about with more or less crepe hair, allowing the shape of the head to be indicated without any too great tightness. This up-to-date version of the chignon should not be worn too high, and below it there should be some softening locks of hair.

THREE-CORNED HATS.
The tricorn hat has caught on, one of its charms being that it shows the hair, at the back especially. With the smaller coiffure, smaller hats must inevitably come. The turban and the toque are superseding the very large hat, but they are themselves quite enormous in size, in fact enormous. The swathed velvet turbans give a very top-heavy look to the wearer. With a pretty-coloured cloth costume a tricorn of ermine is worn, a huge bunch of Parma violets and a white cigarette as trimming. A big immense morik is covered with ermine, a gold band round the crown. This accompanies a white-coat faced with ermine and a very large ermine muff. A band of metallic trimming on circles the high crowns of some of the velvet hats. A black velvet brim, much gathered, accompanies a fawn moire crown, a bunch of subergine roses composing the trimming. The toque worn over one eye must not be forgotten in the list. It is raised on the other side with a mass of ermine fluff.

THE SMALLER HAT.
Paris has now become accustomed to the setting of fashions by London. Will the Parisienne adopt the smaller hat as worn by some of our greatest and smartest women at the races? One wonders! The toque is much more

becoming than the unwieldy, top-heavy hat which suggested the simile of the brass-headed nail to describe a very fashionably-dressed woman. Her clinging garments give her the straightness of the nail, and her hat crowns the top as the brass finishes the nail. "As for convenience, those who go about in trains and motor buses may cry 'Vive le toque'!" — X. AND Z. in the Globe.

INDIA AND CHINA.

A NEW RAILWAY PROPOSAL.

An interesting proposal for the construction of a railway between India and China is advanced by Mr. Noel Williamson in a communication which he has addressed to the Royal Geographical Society. Mr. Williamson is a political officer in the service of the Indian Government, who while stationed in Upper Assam, has found an opportunity for exploring the Lohit branch of the Brahmaputra up to the Tibetan frontier. He found no serious natural difficulties in the way of his progress up the Lohit Valley, and believes it would be an easy matter, as a beginning, to connect India with the borders of South-Eastern Tibet by a good mule track. The distance from the plains of Assam to the border of Tibet is less than fifty miles in a straight line and little more than a hundred miles by the river valley. The route traverses a country occupied by a quiet, peaceable people who look to the Indian Government as the paramount power, and the road could be constructed not only at comparatively little cost but without risk of tribal unrest. The highest altitude occurs in the outer (or first) range of hills, where there is a rise of 4,600ft. after an ascent of 1,900ft. in seventy miles. In short, the valley offers, says Mr. Williamson, a natural highway into Tibet, which only requires the hand of man to render it easy and expeditious.

At present, it must be admitted, trade along the route is infinitesimal. It may reasonably be hoped, however, that improved communications would lead to a speedy development of trade. At present South-Eastern Tibet (or the Rong, as the country is called) has no industries because there is no incentive to the development of its resources. A great quantity of wool is wasted annually because there is no market for its sale. This is true not only as regards wool of ordinary quality, but also regarding the costly variety called cashmere from which shawls are made. If communications were improved along this natural outlet for the trade of South-Eastern Tibet, facilities for export would be brought within the reach of all. Mutual intercourse is impossible at the present moment, because Tibet is a forbidden land; but a good bridle path leading down from the frontier to Sadiya, a place in close proximity to the terminus of the Dibrû-Sadiya Railway, would attract Tibetans to trade in Assam. Moreover, the Chinese Government is known to be taking steps to strengthen its hold on Tibet, and it has been reported that a new Chinese province will shortly be formed out of the Rong. In any case the enterprising Chinese trader may be expected to be keenly alive to the advantages of easy communications with Assam, and Mr. Williamson, in addition to his modest proposal for the opening up of a mule track along the Lohit Valley, emphasizes the fact that, so far as engineering obstacles are concerned, the running of a railway up the Lohit towards Szechuan would be a distinctly feasible project.

THE RESULTING TRADE EXPANSION.
As far as Rims, on the Tibetan side of the frontier, there would be no very serious difficulty in building the line. Beyond that the country is certainly difficult. To reach Szechuan various high passes would have to be crossed, as well as the Salween, Mekong, and Yangtze rivers. This is undoubtedly a formidable array of obstacles. But the obstacles in the way of railway communication between India and Western China are great by any route, and it must be remembered that the altitudes of the passes do not represent their heights above the surrounding country, nor are the rivers the giant waterways into which they develop further south. Whatever the cost of the undertaking, indeed, Mr. Williamson believes that compensation would be found in the facilities afforded for quick communication between India and Western China. Such facilities should lead to an enormous expansion of trade between the two countries. At present exports from India to Szechuan have to be carried by sea to the mouth of the Yangtze and then commerce another long and difficult voyage up the river. If Szechuan were placed in direct railway communication with India an immense impetus would be given to the development of the natural resources of the province, one of the richest in China. Though often proposed and long desired, the linking up of India and China by railway may still be regarded as a visionary idea, but as has been said by Sir Thomas Holdich in connection with another project for carrying a railway into Tibet, it is not more visionary than was the idea of a modern hotel at the Victoria Falls of the Zambesi a quarter of a century ago.

FIRE INSURANCE IN CHINA.
"Fire Insurance Agent" writes to *The Times*—
Certain Shanghai agents make a practice of appointing native agents for their fire companies in outports, and it is of this I wish to speak particularly. The Chinese agent is in every case quite incompetent to look after the business of a foreign fire company as it should be conducted. He is generally a man who has no real knowledge of the risks he is taking, nor has he had education enough to calculate well the business he accepts. Moral hazard does not count at all with him, and the physical hazard is generally left to luck. What he does is to accept as many risks as possible for his companies, incidentally commissioning for himself, and in case of fire "squeeze" him. If he intends to be really dishonest (and I have never yet met an honest Chinaman according to our ideas, although perhaps to his own) he has a tremendous field for fraud. No official investigation is made in native cities of the causes of fires, and I have never known of any offender being brought to book. To day many native cities have their foreign-affected khaki-clad police force. This innovation is, however, in most cases of very recent date, and whether inquiries will be made by them in the immediate future I cannot say. Unless adjoining buildings suffer loss in the cases of suspected arson nothing can be found out, and should one be able to get any information it is worse than useless to charge a person at the magistrate's yamen as something is done except that the offenders attached to the Yamen have a profit source of "squeeze," and that is all.

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To mention just another case, I know of a London fire company with two agents in Shanghai, one of whom opened some three years ago a sub-agency in an outport not a thousand miles from Shanghai with a foreign firm, who have been conducting the business in the usual safe lines as regards limits, hazard, and special maps, etc. The other agents of the same company have recently opened an agency in the same port with a native in charge and under conditions as I have previously described. This man knows nothing of the business at present in force for the same company, and his general agents in Shanghai have given him permission to cut the old rates, which have been in force in this particular port for some four years. He is thus in the position to take as much business as he can possibly get, and is cutting on the foreign representative with his cheaper rate, which the foreigner cannot use by instructions from the Shanghai office. I am wondering what the London office will think of this when it is reported to them. Is it not time that head offices in London investigated their China agencies, and see, above all, that reliable foreigners are appointed in all cases? This, I can assure them, will put many companies' export agencies on a paying basis instead of a losing one, as many are at present.

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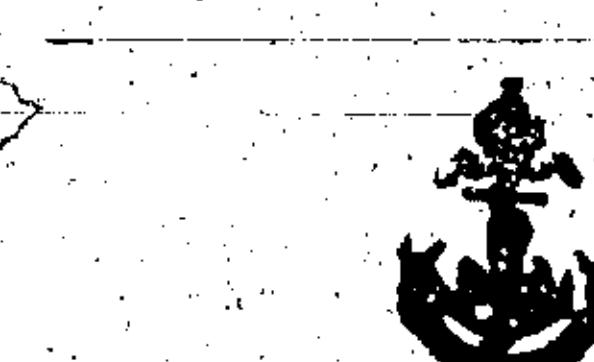
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SHIPPING REPORTS.
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TSINGTAU, WEIHAIWEI & CHEFOO	"LIANGCHOW"	16th Dec., 4 P.M.
SWATOW and SHANGHAI	"HUNAN"	16th Dec., 4 P.M.
NINGPO and SHANGHAI	"YOCHOW"	16th Dec., 4 P.M.
CHANGHAI	"ANHUI"	19th Dec., D'light
MANILA	"TEAN"	21st Dec., 5 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"LIJIN"	23rd Dec., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"CHINHUA"	26th Dec., D'light
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOK TOWN, CAIENS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY	"TAMING"	28th Dec., 3 P.M.
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Capt. Evans		
HAIKU	SWATOW, AMOY and FOOCHOW.	TUESDAY, 21st Dec., at 10 A.M.
Capt. J. S. Roach		

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DESTINATION	STEAMERS	DATE OF SAILING.
TAKAO, SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"SIAM"	On 23rd December.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE, COPENHAGEN	"CANTON"	About 5th Jan., 1910.
GEN, GOTHENBURG and BALTIQUE PORTS	"INDIEN"	On 17th Jan.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"INDIEN"	Middle of Feb.,
COPENHAGEN and BALTIQUE PORTS	"INDIEN"	

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI via NINGPO	"WOSANG"	Friday, 17th Dec., 2 P.M.
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Friday, 17th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHOYSANG"	Sunday, 19th Dec., D'light
SHANGHAI	"FOOSHING"	Tuesday, 21st Dec., 3 P.M.
CHIPEO & WEIHAIWEI	"CHIPSHING"	Tuesday, 21st Dec., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Friday, 24th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	"KUTSANG"	Sunday, 26th Dec., D'light
SURABAYA	"CHUNSHANG"	Tuesday, 28th Dec., 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"NAMSANG"	Thursday, 30th Dec., Noon

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S.S. MANSHU MARU	5000 tons gross	Sail Dec. 19th, at D'light	
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			TOYO KISEN KAISHA, King's Building.
			Hongkong, 7th December, 1909.
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DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS	TONS.	SAILING DATES.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID	HIRANO MARU	9,000	WED'DAY, 22nd Dec., at Daylight.
	TANGO MARU	8,000	WED'DAY, 5th Jan., at Daylight.
	KAMO MARU	9,000	WED'DAY, 19th Jan., at Daylight.

DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS	TONS.	SAILING DATES.
VICTORIA B.C. & SEATTLE (INABA MARU leaving Hongkong 8th Jan., due Kobe 13th Jan., connects)	AWA MARU	6,500	WED'DAY, 19th Jan., from YOKOHAMA.
VICTORIA B.C. & SEATTLE (NIKKO MARU leaving Hongkong 19th Jan., due Kobe 25th & Yokohama 27th Jan., connects)	SANUKI MARU	6,500	SATURDAY, 29th Jan., from KORE.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	BINGO MARU	6,500	THURSDAY, 16th December.

DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS	TONS.	SAILING DATES.
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	MISHIMA MARU	9,000	THURSDAY, 16th Dec., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU	5,000	WED'DAY, 22nd Dec., at Noon.
MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	AKI MARU	7,000	WED'DAY, 24th Dec., A.M.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	TAMBA MARU	6,500	SATURDAY, 25th Dec., at Daylight.

DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS	TONS.	SAILING DATES.

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Date of Dispatch from London. Date due in Hongkong. Vessels.
26 & 27th Nov. 18th inst. Mefeo.The departure of the GERMAN Mail for EUROPE is postponed until further
notice.The Occasion, with the French Mail of the 19th November, left Singapore on Tuesday,
the 14th inst., at 6 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday the 21st instant at
daylight. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 16th October.

	DATE
Nagasaki, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama & Yokohama Singapore, Penang and Bombay	Thursday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.
Takao, Aming and Tamsui	Thursday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.
Macau	Thursday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.
Watow and Shanghai	Thursday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.
Wingpo and Shanghai	Thursday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.
Taiyuan, Weihaiwei and Chiefoo	Thursday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.
Changsha	Thursday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.
Hongkong	Thursday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.
Hoihow and Bangkok	Thursday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Thursday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.
Quang Chow Wan, Hoihow, Pakhoi and Hainan	Friday, 17th, 11.00 A.M.
Ningpo and Shanghai	Friday, 17th, 11.00 A.M.

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VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Agra str. Catherine Apcar from Calcutta left Singapore on the 10th instant p.m., and may be expected here to-morrow.

The Indo-China str. Kutusang from Calcutta and the Straits left Singapore for this port on the 14th inst.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. str. Oceanien, with the French Mail of the 21st ultimo, and mails from London of the 20th ultimo, left Singapore on the 14th instant at 5 a.m. via Saigon, and is expected to arrive here on or about Monday morning, the 20th instant, and will leave for Shanghai and Japan on the same afternoon.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The N.Y.K. str. Yawata Maru (Australian Line) left Thursday Island for this port via Manila on the 10th inst., and is expected here on the 21st inst.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M. str. Monchuria sails from Yokohama on the 11th inst. en route to Hongkong via Nagasaki and Manila, and is scheduled to arrive at this port on the 23rd inst.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The N.Y.K. str. Ceylon Maru (Bombay Line) left Singapore for this port on the 8th inst., and is expected here to-day.

The German str. Borneo left Sandakan on the 9th inst. p.m., and may be expected here to-day.

The Shire Line str. Pembroke left Singapore for Hongkong on the 9th inst. at 11 a.m., and may be expected here to-day.

The Austrian Lloyd's str. Persia left Singapore for this port on the 9th instant, and is due here to-day.

The C.N.C. str. Kueichow left Tientsin on the 10th inst., and is due here to-day.

The N.Y.K. str. Ceylon Maru (Bombay Line) left Bomby for this port via Singapore on the 29th ultimo, and is expected here on the 20th inst.

The N.Y.K. str. Kuman Maru (Australia Line) left Yokohama for this port via Kobe, Moji and Nagasaki on the 11th instant, and is expected here on the 21st inst.

The Daniel str. Divinity left Port Said on the 21st ultimo, and may be expected here on the 23rd inst.

OPPIUM.

December 7th.

Quotations are:—

Malwa New \$1,500/1,350 per pioul.

Malwa Old \$1,360/1,400

Malwa Older \$1,410/1,430

Persian fine quality \$1,100/1,200

Persian extra fine \$1,250/1,300

Patna New \$1,445 per chest.

Patna Old \$1,435

Bunras New \$1,470

Bunras Old ...

ON LONDON.—

Telegraphic Transfer 1/9

Bank Bills, on demand 1/3

Bank Bills, +30 days' sight 1/3

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 1/3

Credits, at 4 months' sight 1/3

Domestic Bills 4 months' sight/1/3

ON PARIS.—

Bank Bills, on demand 223

Credits, at 4 months' sight 223

ON GERMANY.—

On demand 182

ON NEW YORK.—

Bank Bills, on demand 43

Credits, at 60 days' sight 44

ON BOMBAY.—

Telegraphic Transfer 132

Bank, on demand 132

ON CALCUTTA.—

Telegraphic Transfer 132

Bank, on demand 132

ON SHANGHAI.—

Bank, at sight 75

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ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand 87

On demand 88

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ON BATAVIA.—On demand 107

ON HAIFONG.—On demand 72 p.m.

ON SAIGON.—On demand 72 p.m.

ON BANGKOK.—On demand 86

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Hongkong 10 25.96

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December 15th.

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Per Misra, Mrs. Moore, from London, Mr

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Forbes, 3 children, Mrs. Nicholson and

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Tay, Mrs. Ong, Mrs. Allen, Misses Allen,

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and A. Stone, Misses E. J. Grist, F. Robert

Buckridge, J. M. Irving, T. Cameron and A.

Hewitt.

Per Bledow, for Helsingfors, from Hamburg,

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Hutner, W. Götze and M. Tannenholz, from

Southampton, Mrs. Wilma Morgan, Mrs. A.

Turner and Mr. W. H. Hartung, from Gibraltar,

Mr. B. E. Orme, from Antwerp, Mr. H.

Gott, from Geddes, Mr. and Mrs. Henderson,

Mr. Fraiberg, Miss Siegler, Misses W. A.

Sivan, R. Grindman, L. L. Fleischhacker, U.

Gleisner, G. Weisner, Fritz Kaufmann and

Wunderlich, from Colombia, Dr. and Mrs. A.

Stroebel, Miss G. Krahe, Miss Dennis Clark and

Miss V. Lyon; from Singapore, Capt. F. V.

O. Bell, Dr. Anderson, Messrs A. L. Shields,

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HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From December 16th to 22nd, 1909.

HONGKONG HIGH WATERS.

Low Waters.

Hongkong Mean Time.

Hongkong Mean Time.